

1 **DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

2 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

4 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

5 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first
6 and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a
7 patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN OBJECT**
the specification of which:

8 (check one) xx is attached hereto. _____ was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

9 I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification,
10 including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

11 I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this
application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

12 I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §§ 119; 365 of any foreign
13 application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign
14 application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which the
priority is claimed:

15 **Prior Foreign Application(s)**

			Priority Claimed	
N/A (Number)	(Country)	Day/month/year filed	Yes	No
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint:

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my attorney and will full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Wherefor I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discover described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, this petition.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : DONALD W. COLLINS
Serial No. :
Filed : Concurrently herewith
**For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING
AN OBJECT**

**DECLARATION VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
UNDER 27 C.F.R. 19(f) AND 1.27(b)**

**Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

As a named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified patent.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 27 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 (e). Any person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is identified below:

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12 I acknowledge the duty to file, in this patent, notification of any change in status resulting in
13 loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or
14 any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 C.F.R.
15 1.28(b)]

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21 validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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